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THE NEWPORT MERCURY was established in 1789, and is now in its one hundred and thirty-fifth year. It is the oldest newspaper in the United States, and has been published continuously since that time. It is a large quarto weekly of fifty columns, filled with interesting news, local and foreign, and is published at the rate of one cent per copy. It is a valuable source of information to all who read it.

Societies Occupying Mercury Hall.

GEN. NATANIEL GREENE COUNCIL NO. 8. Order United American Mechanics, John M. Hall, Councilor; J. H. Brown, Recording Secretary; meets every Monday evening.
BROTHERHOOD LODGE NO. 49, I. O. O. F., William Allen, Noble Grand; Wm. H. Moore, Secretary; meets every Tuesday evening.
MASSONS LODGE NO. 24, N. E. C. P., Frank O. Scott, Warden; James H. Goddard, Secretary; meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings in each month.
THE NEWPORT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, A. K. McMahon, President; J. J. Butler, Secretary; meets 2nd Wednesday evening of each month.
FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 336, K. of H., H. H. Allen, Noble Grand; Reporter, H. H. Allen; meets 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings.
ANDOVER LODGE NO. 11, K. of H., Wm. H. Moore, Noble Grand; Community, Herbert L. Marsh, Reporter of Records and Seal; meets every Friday evening.
DAVID DIVISION NO. 8, U. R. K. of P., Mr. Knight Captain, John H. Wetherill, Daniel P. Hall, Recorder; meets 1st Friday evening in each month.

Local Matters.

The very enjoyable church social which was held in the Channing parlors Wednesday evening was under the management of the G. and H. members of the church. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a large number present and the musical programme which was rendered amply repaid them for attending. Master and Miss Hayward gave a pleasing mandolin and piano duet and Miss Hayward and Mr. W. C. Hammond a piano duet. There were vocal solos by Miss Gossling, Miss Potter and Mr. T. M. Seabury, Jr., and Miss Potter and Mr. Seabury rendered a vocal duet in a most artistic manner. Mrs. A. A. Hunt and Col. John Rogers accompanied the singers. Refreshments and dancing followed the music.

Tomorrow's services at Shiloh Baptist Church, Rev. H. N. Jeter, pastor: 10:30 A. M. Sermon by the pastor, subject, "Gleanings from the Temptation of Jesus by Satan." 8:30 P. M. Prayer and Praise service. At 7:30 P. M., the hand of fellowship will be given to new members and the Lord's Supper celebrated.

The Aquinlock Cycle Club held its first annual social at Old Fellows' Hall Tuesday evening. The hall, which was very tastefully decorated with hawthorn and the club colors, presented a very pretty appearance. There was a large attendance. The New Hampshire orchestra furnished the music and Mr. W. A. Daplicht prompted.

Nine cases of scarlet fever were reported in Newport during the last month and one has been reported for this month. They are all very light, however, the disease with some of the patients being scarcely perceptible.

Dr. Turner will continue his interesting reminiscences of old Newport on Monday evening next at the rooms of the Newport Historical Society.

Assemblyman John J. Peckham, who has been confined to his home during the past several weeks by illness, is able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Tanner entertained the Young People's Society of the First Baptist church Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Felt of Lynn, Mass., have been in town this week, visiting Mrs. Felt's sister, Mrs. William Carry, on Ayrault street.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Old Fellows in Rhode Island will be held in Providence on Monday.

They have entered upon their annual February sales at Seabury's shoe store and a rushing business is the result.

The City Council will hold its regular February meeting next Tuesday evening.

Ex-Alderman Newton is still confined to his bed, though his condition is considerably improved.

Unity Club.

A charming address in the interests of the Women's Suffrage Association was delivered last Tuesday evening, before the Unity Club, by Mrs. Carrie Lane Chapman of Iowa, who proved to be an admirable and cogent speaker. She held her audience in rapt attention for an hour and a quarter, and when she closed, all regretted that her speech was so short. This is a high compliment to pay to any man or woman. Her theme was the "American Sovereignty" by which she indicated that will of the majority which ought to be the ruling spirit of a free Republic. In her estimation our Republic was in danger from the fact that the majority meant by the constitution was not now the real law-maker. The will of the people had become lost in the baneful institution known as the "political boss" who flourished by corruption, and whose strength mainly was derived from the uneducated and inferior class of foreign emigrants who had of late years been flooding our land. This dangerous element had been too generously accorded political rights, and while the powers of our Constitution meant by the majority of the American people now had degenerated into a practical majority of the ignorant voters who were led by political bosses. If the disenfranchised half of the nation, that is to say the women, were allowed to vote, the political atmosphere would soon clear. Women reared the coming generations and had a right to express their opinions on the laws regulating those whom they brought into the world. Hence the women, were allowed to vote, the political atmosphere would soon clear. Women reared the coming generations and had a right to express their opinions on the laws regulating those whom they brought into the world. Hence the women, were allowed to vote, the political atmosphere would soon clear.

Newport Marriages for 1892.

The total number of marriages performed in Newport during the year ending December 31, 1892, was 151. Of these only 13 couples were colored. The oldest groom given his age as 65, and the youngest as 21. The oldest bride is recorded as 45 and the youngest as 10. The 151 nuptial knots were tied as follows: 20 by Rev. James Doyle, of St. Joseph's R. C. church, 19 by Rev. James H. Loomy, of St. Mary's R. C. church, 11 by Rev. J. P. Tully, of St. Mary's, 10 by Rev. James D. Gray, of First Presbyterian church, 9 by Rev. E. H. Porter, of Emmanuel church, 8 by Rev. G. J. Magill, of Trinity church, 8 by Rev. H. B. Galy, of the "Times" church, 7 by Rev. M. Downing, of St. Joseph's church, 6 by Rev. J. S. Yennema, of Mt. Zion A. M. E. church, 6 by Rev. John Holman, of the Scandinavian Methodist, 5 by Rev. G. W. Hunt, late of Thames street M. E. church, 5 by Rev. G. W. Cutler, of Channing Memorial church, 4 by Rev. Philip Grace, D. D., of St. Mary's church, 4 by Rev. W. A. Luce, late of the First M. E. church, 4 by Rev. E. P. Tuller, late of First Baptist church, 4 by Rev. Bishop Clarke, 3 by Rev. Z. L. Barker, of St. John's chapel, 3 by Rev. Warren Randolph, D. D., of Central Baptist church, 3 by Rev. E. C. Bass, of the First M. E. church, 3 by Rev. M. Van Horn, of the Union Congregational church, 2 by Rev. F. E. Emerson, late of the United Congregational church, 2 by Rev. O. G. Gilliat, of St. George's church, 2 by Rev. H. N. Jeter, of Shiloh Baptist church, 1 by Rev. C. S. Borgstrom, of the Lutheran denomination, 1 by Rev. H. Olson, of the Swedish Methodist church, and 1 by Rev. C. T. Ollinger.

A Tea Party.

The Columbian Tea, given at Newport's Hall Tuesday evening for the benefit of St. Mary's Guild of St. John's chapel, proved a very enjoyable success. In the ante-rooms too, oysters, cake and other refreshments were served to all who wished. At eight o'clock a very pretty Spanish dance was executed by the Misses Ethel Cornell, Elzette Von, Maud Harrington, Kitty Draper, Ethel Talley, Neale Barker, Kitty Stevens, Nora Finch, Alice Bull, Marie Landers, Lizzie Howard, Sadie Mason, Emily Bradley and Sadie Landers, in fancy costumes and carrying lanterns. Miss Sadie Mason, of Fall River, also gave a pretty Spanish dance. From 8 o'clock until midnight dancing was indulged in to the music of the New Hampshire Orchestra. Mr. Wm. H. Allen acted as prompter and Messrs. Parker Braman, Lincoln Hammond, C. S. Cozzens and W. G. Hammond made very efficient floor managers.

Has the Winter Broken?

The mild weather which knocked out the zero frost last week still continues to hold away here and the cold weather prophets are beginning to weaken, some even going so far as to intimate that the winter is broken so far as Newport is concerned. Sunday opened with a dense fog and closed with a heavy rainfall and during Wednesday and Wednesday night more rain fell, removing much of the snow that still lingered in the door yards and on side streets and so reducing the ice in the bay and neighboring harbors as to allow a resumption of navigation. The City of Newport, of the Continental steamboat line, began her regular trips to and from Providence on Tuesday and steamer Tockwold, of the Wickford line, is expected to do likewise on Monday.

K. of H. Masquerade.

Persuance Lodge, K. of H., held a grand masquerade ball at O. M. Fellows' Hall Thursday evening, and the costumes were handsome and unique. The grand march was led by Mr. Charles Chaso and Miss Eda Chaso and formed a very pretty picture. Among the costumes were Uncle Sam, jockeys, clowns, officers, butchers, cow boys, pirates, monks, queens, dancers, school girls, tumbler girls, etc. The music was by the New Hampshire orchestra and Mr. Joseph Nass acted as prompter.

Mr. Geo. M. Cooper, who fell from a ladder while at work on the Matthews cottage on Bellevue avenue on the 23d ultimo, died at the hospital Thursday night from the effects of his injuries. Mr. Cooper was a painter by trade, a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, and an industrious, highly esteemed citizen. He leaves a wife and three children. He was a member of Court Wanton, A. O. F., and its secretary at the time of his death.

Mr. Henry C. Mason, of Minneapolis, Kansas, has been in town this week, the guest of ex-Deputy Sheriff W. L. Tilley. Mr. Mason is a Newport boy and was at one time associated in business with his father in the building at the corner of Thames street and Kinsey's wharf in which he still owns an interest. Mr. Mason and Mr. Tilley went West together in 1864 and Mr. Mason remained there, establishing large business interests.

John G. Holzinger has transferred to Christiana Holzinger, through C. A. Ives, 5,000 square feet of land with buildings on State street.

Since the advent of mild weather work has been resumed on the Presbyterian church, Broadway.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

That May Lead to Important Industrial Improvements.
HON. WILLIAM J. SWINBURNE having retired from active business, has leased his office what property, together with his coal and wood business, to Mr. Abram Almy for a term of five years, and Mr. Almy will enter upon possession of the same at once. The property leased is much more extensive than is needed for the coal and wood business, and it is understood that parties are already negotiating with Mr. Almy for a sub-lease of certain parts and privileges of the wharf, and it is anticipated that the building at the head of the wharf formerly used as a flour mill may be fitted up and equipped with the necessary machinery for a first-class ash-and-lime factory.

The Swinburne wharf, it will be remembered, joins Kinsey's wharf on the south and the two could be readily connected or, practically, thrown into one, thus offering Mr. Alex. N. Barker, the occupant of Lopez wharf, an excellent opportunity of extending the facilities of his rapidly increasing lumber business. The proposed improvement, too, would be more or less in Mr. Barker's line and would undoubtedly prove a great convenience and advantage to his business.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals.

A. O'D. Taylor has sold to Mrs. Mary Augusta King a strip of land containing 1,000 feet and fronting on Ferry street for Mr. Philip Dowling.
A. O'D. Taylor has sold for Ann Melton a double tenement house and lot containing about 3,600 feet to Messrs. F. S. and S. P. Barker, Jr.
A. O'D. Taylor has sold the "Joshua K. Higelow" estate situated at the corner of Washington street and Chestnut street, and containing 10,000 feet with an excellent dwelling, for Wm. S. Rogers.

A Good Showing.

The Newport Street Railway held its annual meeting Tuesday afternoon and re-elected its old board of directors, which, in turn, re-elected A. C. Titus president, and Francis Burdick secretary. The reports showed the receipts for the year 1892 to have been \$40,322.10 against \$39,311.97 for 1891, and the number of passengers carried to have been 811,051 against 791,103. It was voted to issue 70 shares of common stock to be sold at public auction, at noon next Monday, the proceeds to be applied to the payment for the new equipment recently added to the rolling stock, and it was also voted to issue an additional 70 shares of common stock whenever a spur-track shall be laid to the Old Colony depot.

Natural History Society.

Last Monday the Society held one of its monthly meetings at which Dr. Jerome P. Davis gave a lecture on the "Eye in Man and in the Lower Animals." Dr. Davis spoke from notes and gave a good account of the structure of the organs of vision throughout the animal kingdom, dwelling chiefly on the human eye. His remarks were supplemented by Dr. Storor, the president, and elicited observations from Dr. Francis D. Sherman, Mr. Lucius D. Davis and Mr. Taylor, the secretary. There was a good audience.

The Young Men's Christian Association held their second reception in their parlors Thursday evening. It was to the great delight of housekeepers. It contained 43 pages and 182 valuable recipes for the table. It was compiled by and for the benefit of the Guild which hopes to derive a profit from its sale.

The committee on Fire Department of the City Council, at the fully attended meeting Tuesday evening, re-elected Henry W. Cozzens superintendent of fire alarm telegraph, and elected Wm. O. Goddard driver of the emergency wagon.

Miss Amelia Whiting, daughter of Mrs. S. S. Whiting and the recent purchaser of Rhoda House on Bellevue avenue, was married in New York Wednesday to Mr. John H. Davis.

Post Commander Jere I. Greens, of Warren Post in this city, has just been granted a pension.

Several cases of scarlet fever are reported in Tiverton.

Tuesday Morning's Fire.

At a few minutes past 12 o'clock Tuesday morning the barn on Bath road owned by Mr. James S. Hazard and occupied by Mr. Peter Faerber, was found on fire. An alarm was quickly sounded from box 4 and the men sleeping in the stable being aroused went to work removing the horses and other valuables from the building. All the horses, wagons, etc., were got out, but two of the horses rushed back and were smothered and one of the rescued horses was found to have broken his leg and had to be killed. Two of the animals that were the pair of gray draft horses used on Mr. Faerber's delivery wagon and the other was a roan horse belonging to Mr. Hazard. The loss on building and contents, except the horses, were probably fully covered by insurance through the agency of Davis & Ward.

The origin of the fire is supposed to have been incendiary.
Shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day another alarm was rung in from the same box, but fortunately there was no fire, smoke from a defective flue causing the alarm.

An Unsuccessful Attempt was Made Tuesday to Rob the Cat-bait Stolen from George Vester, another Greek, in February, 1892, has also been located near and in a similar condition to that of Mitchell's.

The anniversary meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held Sunday evening, Feb. 12, at which addresses will be made by His Excellency Gov. Brown and Dr. J. S. Warner of New York. It is probable that the services will be held in the United Congregational church, the other evangelical churches uniting with them.

At a meeting of members of the First M. E. church and congregation Tuesday evening, the question of uniting the governing powers of the church was considered at considerable length, and Messrs. J. W. Horton, T. T. Pitman and Benj. E. Thurston were appointed a committee to confer with absent members and report.

Mr. J. J. Galvin, accompanied by his sister, Miss Mary, left Monday night for treatment at the Hot Springs in Arkansas. He expects to be absent from home about six months during which time his office here will be in charge of ex-Deputy Sheriff W. L. Tilley.

Plans are out for two large stables to be built here, one for Mr. Geo. L. Riven on Narragansett avenue, and the other for Mr. E. R. Wharton, on Harrison avenue.

Mr. Seth Barton French will occupy the Winthrop villa on Bath road and the Cliffs again next season. Mr. French's original lease of the place was for five seasons.

William Rogers has bought the John R. Bigelow estate on Washington street and the harbor, including buildings, furniture and 10,000 square feet of land.

SOCIETY ELECTIONS.

Sheba Court, Heracles of Aethiopia.
Major Ancient Master—Mary Brown.
Senior Warden—Annie M. Ayer.
Junior Warden—Mary C. Jones.
Treasurer—Mary E. Jenkins.
Surrounding Secretary—J. J. Gooden.
Trustee—Elizabeth Hall.
Worthy Matrons—William H. Ayer.
Ancient—William R. Dwyer, Samuel Brown, James A. White.

Feathers and Fire Association, No. 7.
President—Charles A. Foster.
Vice President—Frank A. Taylor.
Treasurer—John F. Kane.
Secretary—George E. Pearson.

Acacia Fire Company.
President—L. H. Davis.
Secretary—E. A. Carter.
Treasurer—John Howard.
Surrounding Secretary—J. J. Gooden.
Trustee—Elizabeth Hall.
Worthy Matrons—William H. Ayer.

Y. M. C. A. Committees.
Finance—T. M. Burdick, C. F. Barker, John M. Swan, S. P. Allen, James P. Taylor, William F. Arlington, William B. Thurston, Daniel E. Poirer, E. H. Hammond, Angus McLeod, Albert K. Sherman.
Religious—Wm. H. N. Arnold, Daniel Macdonald, Wm. H. Samuel, Alexander McPhee, William R. Dwyer, Frank McPhee, Fred W. F. S. Gamble, John Voss, E. S. Smith.

Membership—Alexander McNeilan, Charles G. Pollock, Howard G. Ward, William B. Bates, Walter K. R. Holm, Frank H. Kimball, James McNeilan, Charles J. H. Schwarz, Frank James Fred W. F.

Reception—Horatio H. Wood, James G. Allen, D. Benjamin F. Tew, John McKay, George McNeilan, Frank G. Kimball, Howard Ward, Harry West, Arthur H. Popple, Simon Hart.

Lecture and Entertainment—Charles R. Thurston, E. A. Carter, Fred M. Hammond, Horatio H. Wood, Emil S. Blumhardt, Charles H. Peabody, Marshall W. Hall, Samuel W. Marsh, Benjamin F. Thurston, Arthur G. Popple.

Boarding House—F. Fred Knoll, Frederick S. Walter, William H. Heald.
Gymnasium—William R. Franklin, Walter K. R. Holm, Walter S. Gough, Dr. F. F. Knoll.

Library—Samuel W. Maitz, Benjamin F. Thurston, Fred M. Hammond.

CLEANING FROM HISTORY.

Presented by JAMES C. HAWK.

How Benhadad, King of Damascus and Syria, made Two Expeditions Against Ahab, and Was Defeated.
When the officials of Ahab were thus, at that very time the son of Benhadad, who was king of the Syrians and of Damascus, got together an army out of all his country, and he put forward thirty-two kings beyond Euphrates to be his auxiliaries. He made an expedition against Ahab, but because Ahab's army was not like that of Benhadad's, I do not act in array to fight him, but having that up everything that was in his country, in the strongest cities he had, he stood in Samaria, and he waited, and it appeared to be not easily to be taken in other respects also. So the king of Syria took his army with him, and came to Samaria, and placed his army round about the city, and besieged it. He sent a herald to Ahab, and desired that he would admit the ambassadors to be sent him, by whom he would let him know his pleasure. So upon the king of Israel's permission for him to send, those ambassadors came, and by their king's command, spoke thus: "That Ahab's sister, and his children, and his wives were Benhadad's; and if he would make an agreement, and give him leave to take as much of what he had as he pleased, he would withdraw his army, and leave off the siege." Upon this Ahab bid the ambassadors to go back, and tell their king that "Ahab himself, and all that he hath, are his possessions." And when these ambassadors had told this to Benhadad, he sent to him again, and desired, also, that he would admit those servants of his which he would send the next day; and he commanded him to deliver to those servants what he would, and whatever upon their searching Ahab's house, and the houses of his friends and kindred, they should find to be excellent in his kind, but that which did not please them they should leave to him. At this second embassy of the king of Syria, Ahab was surprised, and gathered together the multitude in a congregation, and told them that "for himself he was ready for their safety and peace, to give up his own wives and children to the enemy, and yield to him at all his own request; but that was what the Syrian king required at his first embassy; but that now he desired to send his servants to search all their houses, and in them to have nothing that is excellent in his kind, seeking an occasion of fighting him, as knowing that I would not spare what is mine own for your sakes, but taking a handle from the disagreeable terms he offers concerning you to do a war upon me; however, I will do what you shall resolve in it to be done." But the multitude advised him to hearken to none of his proposals, but to despise him, and to be in readiness to fight him. Accordingly, when he had given the ambassadors this answer to be reported, that "he still continued in his mind to comply with what terms he at first desired, for the safety of the citizens, but as for his second demand, he cannot submit to them," he dismissed them.

Now when Benhadad heard this, he had indignation, and sent ambassadors to Ahab the third time, and threatened that "his army would raise a bank higher than those walls in confidence of whose strength he despised him, and that by only each man of his army taking a handful of earth," hereby making a slow of the great number of his army, and aiming to afflict him. Ahab answered, that "he might not to stand himself, but he had only put on his armor, but when he thought have conquered his enemies in the battle."

So the ambassadors came back, and found the king at supper with his thirty-two kings, and informed him of Ahab's answer; who then immediately gave order for proceeding thus. To make lines round the city, and raise a bulwark, and to prosecute the siege all manner of ways. Now, as this was doing, Ahab was in a great agony, and all his heart was with him; but he took courage, and was first to the wall, and a certain prophet came to him, upon seeing him, and said to him, "upon saying to him, 'God had promised to subdue so many ten thousands of his enemies under him.' And when he inquired by whom means the victory was to be obtained, he said, 'By the sons of the priests, but under thy conduct, as their leader, by reason of their unfaithfulness in war.' Upon which he called for the sons of the priests, and found them to be two hundred and thirty-two persons. So when he was informed that the King of Syria had taken himself to fighting and to raise the bulwark, he opened the gates, and sent out the priests' sons. Now, when the priests' sons told Benhadad of it, he sent some of his men to come out to fighting, they should build them, and bring them to him; and that if they came out peaceably, they should do the same; but if they had another army ready within the walls, but the sons of the priests fell upon the outguard, and slew many of them, and pursued the rest of them to the camp; and when the King of Israel saw that these had the upper hand, he sent out all the rest of his army, which falling suddenly upon the Syrians, beat them, for they did not think that they would have come out; on which account it was that they assailed them when they were without their usual armor, as drunk, inebriated, and they left all their armor behind them, when they fled out of the camp, and the king himself escaped with difficulty, by flying away on horseback; but Ahab went a great way in pursuit of the Syrians; and when he had spoiled their camp, which contained a great deal of wealth, and, moreover, a large quantity of gold and silver, he took Benhadad's earrings and his crown, and returned to the city; but as the prophet told him, because the Syrian king would make another expedition against him the next year, Ahab was busy in making provision for it accordingly.

Now Benhadad, when he had saved himself, and as much of his army as he could, out of the battle, he consulted with his friends how he might make another expedition against the Israelites. Now those friends advised him not to fight with them on the hills, because their God was potent in such places, and thence it had come to pass that they had very lately been beaten; but they said, that if they joined battle

With them in the plain, they should beat them.

They also gave him this further advice, to send his army to kings whom he had brought as his auxiliaries, but to retain their arms, and to let them be in the place of the former who perished in the battle, together with horses and chariots. So he judged the counsel to be good, and acted according to it in the management of the army.

At the beginning of the spring Benhadad took his army with him, and led it against the Hebrews, and when he came to a certain city which was called Aphek, he pitched his camp in the great plain. Ahab also went to meet him with his army, and pitched his camp over against him, although his army was a very small one. If it were compared with the exercise; but the prophet came again to him, and told him, that "God would give him the victory, that he might demonstrate his own power, to be not only on the mountains, but on the plains also." Which it seems was contrary to the opinion of the Syrians. So they lay quiet in their camp seven days, but on the last of those days, when the enemies came out of their camp, and put themselves in array, in order to fight, Ahab also brought out his own army, and when the battle was joined, and they fought valiantly, he put the enemy to flight, and pursued them, and pressed upon them, and slew them; they were destroyed by their own chariots, and by one another; nor could any more than a few of them escape to their own city Aphek, who were also killed by the walls falling upon them, being in number twenty-seven thousand.

To be continued.

With the close of today Mr. A. Y. Hudson severs his connection with the Journal. The first of next week he goes to Newport, R. I., to accept a position in that famous "City by the Sea." For more than thirty years Mr. Hudson has done faithful and honorable service in the Journal office. It will be a strange indeed for those in this office not to greet Mr. Hudson, as they daily come to work, and it will be a rare experience to him not to make his daily trips over the path which he has for so many years faithfully trodden. It is with deep regret that the proprietors of this paper and the entire Journal force bid him good-by and God-speed. We extend to Mr. Hudson and his estimable wife our best wishes for prosperity and happiness in their new home. [N.Y. Journal, January 28.]

MIDDLETON.

The Holy Cross Guild of Middleton held a sale and supper supper Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. Edward Army in Portsmouth, which was very largely attended. A very enjoyable musical programme was rendered and a general good time was enjoyed. The proceeds from the sale of fancy articles and supper more than met the expectations of the Guild. One of the features was the clipping of myriads of packages from the linen, which was as pleasant as it was sore.

PORTSMOUTH.

At a special session of the Town Council, on Wednesday evening last, at the Town Clerk's office, upon application of the Overseer of the Poor, as to what to do with George, Elias and George A. Boyd, Jr., as the father, Geo. A. Boyd had declared himself unable to properly provide for them, he was authorized and instructed to take them to the State Home School in Providence.

There will be a concert and social in Oakland Hall, on Wednesday evening the 8th inst. The concert which lasts about an hour will be given by the "Mendolin and Guitar Quintette" of Newport, and will be followed by a grand social. Music by the "Mendolin and Guitar Quintette." Should the evening be stormy, the whole will be indefinitely postponed.

On Friday evening the 16th inst., Critical Brown will be master of ceremonies in Oakland Hall, where he will give one of his popular and amusing entertainments. Come and see him and enjoy a good lively laugh.

Mrs. Charles C. Slocum and daughter, Miss Mattie, are visiting friends in New York.

The winter session of the General Assembly commenced last Tuesday. Thus far the body has hardly got under way for hard work. The most that has been done is the election of Thomas L. Lee judge of the twelfth district court in place of Judge Ballou deceased. This created something of a stir in Woonsocket for many of the citizens of that place were in favor of another man. On Thursday the two houses in Grand Committee appointed a committee to count the votes for members of Congress and took a recess till next Tuesday.

Mr. Geo. A. Littlefield, formerly superintendent of Newport schools, was in town yesterday on business connected with the educational exhibit at the World's Fair.

The General Assembly has elected Marion McAllister Clarke, a member of the graduating class of the Rogers High School, of this city, a beneficiary in Brown University.

H. F. Brown, chemist at the Torpedo Station, replacing Prof. C. E. Munroe, resigned, reported for duty Thursday.

Through alleged defective sidewalks the city has got to answer to a claim for \$10,000.

The local school exhibit for the World's Fair is expected to be completed Feb. 20.

Col. Howard Smith has returned from his southern trip.

There was but one session of the public schools yesterday.

CHURCH OFFICERS.

United Congregational Church.
Moderator—John R. Leslie.
Clerk—A. Russell Manchester.
Treasurer—Francis F. Allan.
Standing Committee for three years—Roland J. Eason, H. H. Wood.
Auditing Committee—W. P. Johnson, W. H. Lawton.

Sunday School Officers—Angus McLeod.
Assistant superintendent—A. R. Manches.
Sunday School Secretary and Treasurer—Joseph O. Stevens, Jr.

First Baptist Church.
Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Associate Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Deacons—Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown.

First Methodist Church.
Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Associate Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Deacons—Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown.

First Presbyterian Church.
Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Associate Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Deacons—Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown.

First Episcopal Church.
Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Associate Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Deacons—Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown.

First Roman Catholic Church.
Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Associate Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Deacons—Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown.

First Jewish Synagogue.
Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Associate Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
Deacons—Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Brown.

First Muslim Mosque.
Pastor—Rev. J. H. Brown.
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